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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE	)	CASE NO: 4:07-CV-03872-CW
COMPANY,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED
vs.	)	STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
	)	
WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	
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CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned party hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dated: November 15, 2007

/S/ SHAWN C. MOORE  
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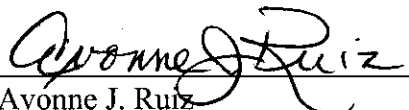
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